



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 7308

House of Representatives, April 20, 2017

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. TONG of the 147th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING A TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE ISSUES
CONCERNING THE USE OF BODY-WORN CAMERA AND
RECORDING EQUIPMENT BY POLICE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force
2 to examine the use of body-worn recording equipment by state and
3 municipal police in accordance with section 29-6d of the general
4 statutes. Such task force shall examine (1) whether such statute should
5 be expanded or otherwise amended, (2) training associated with the
6 use of such equipment, and (3) data storage and freedom of
7 information issues associated with the data created by the use of such
8 equipment.

9 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members or their
10 designees: The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
11 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
12 relating to the judiciary and public safety; the Chief State's Attorney; the
13 Chief Public Defender; an active or retired judge appointed by the Chief

14 Justice of the Supreme Court; a municipal police chief appointed by the
 15 president of the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association; a representative of
 16 the Police Officer Standards and Training Council; a representative of the
 17 State Police Training School appointed by the Commissioner of
 18 Emergency Services and Public Protection; a representative of the criminal
 19 defense bar appointed by the president of the Connecticut Criminal
 20 Defense Lawyers Association; the chairperson of the Freedom of
 21 Information Commission; and six public members, appointed one each by
 22 the president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of the House of
 23 Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the majority leader of
 24 the House of Representatives, the minority leader of the Senate and the
 25 minority leader of the House of Representatives.

26 (c) Not later than February 1, 2018, the task force established pursuant
 27 to subsection (a) of this section, shall report its findings and any
 28 recommendations for legislation to the joint standing committees of the
 29 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary
 30 and public safety, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes.
 31 The task force shall terminate on the date that it submits such report or
 32 February 1, 2018, whichever is later.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 18 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	Less than \$1,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None**Explanation**

The bill establishes a task force to examine the use of body-worn recording equipment by state and municipal police. The task force shall report on its findings and recommendations to the Judiciary and Public Safety committees by February 1, 2018.

There may be a cost of less than \$1,000 in FY 18 to those agencies participating in the task force to reimburse legislators and agency staff for mileage expenses, currently at 53.5 cents/mile.

The Out Years

There is no ongoing fiscal impact because the task force terminates in FY 18.

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 31 Nay 8 (03/31/2017)